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ACTIVITY (As Amended)



## AMENDMENT E

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 2, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: